

Ongar Primary School Newsletter



In our safe and supportive school, we provide lessons full of challenge, inspiration and real life learning in order to promote independent, respectful, high achievers who step out of their comfort zone, smiling.

Monday 11th September 2017
DINNER MENU WEEK 2

Attendance:

Class Attendance

Donaldson	100%
Ahlberg	93.8%
Waddell	98.9%
Dahl	99.1%
Wilson	95.8%
Morpurgo	92.5%
Horowitz	100%

Please ensure your child is on time and in school every day. Just 10mins late every day equals 2 ½ days of missed learning this term.

Our expectation is that your child will achieve above 95% attendance. Attendance has a direct impact on your child's progress and learning.

HOURS LOST IN LEARNING

Description	Threshold Attendance	Actual Attendance	Whole Days Absent	Learning Hours Lost
Excellent	100%	190 Days	0	0
	99%	188 Days	2	10
	98%	186 Days	4	20
Good	97%	184 Days	6	30
	96%	182.5 Days	7.5	37.5

Description	Threshold Attendance	Actual Attendance	Whole Days Absent	Learning Hours Lost
Cause for Concern	95%	180.5 Days	9.5	47.5
	94%	178.5 Days	11.5	57.5
	93%	176.5 Days	13.5	67.5
	92%	174.5 Days	15.5	77.5
Unsatisfactory	91%	173 Days	17	85
	90%	171 Days	19	95
	89%	169 Days	21	105
	88%	167 Days	23	115
	87%	165.5 Days	25	125
	86%	163.5 Days	26.5	132.5
	85%	161.5 Days	28.5	142.5

As a parent or carer, you are legally responsible for making sure your child receives a full time education.

If your child is a registered pupil at a school who fails to attend regularly, you are guilty of an offence. This can result in a prosecution.

Our current Attendance Policy is available on the school website - www.ongar-pri.essex.sch.uk. Please

Welcome Back Everyone to Ongar Primary School!

I hope that you have enjoyed a wonderful summer break from school and that your children are all refreshed and energised for the exciting year ahead.

I would like to say a huge thank you to you all for making me feel so welcome as your new Head Teacher and am looking forward to meeting you at our coffee morning on Wednesday at 9.00am.

We welcome 20 new pupils to our school which is absolutely fantastic. They are: **Donaldson Class** - Lucas, Rebecca, Max, Bradley, Freya, Jaylee, Oscar, Hollie, Joshua, Kye, Ralph and Logan **Ahlberg Class** - Timmy, Mia and Maya **Waddell Class** - Lealand-Leo **Dahl Class** - Lexi **Wilson Class** - Erica and Kane **Horowitz Class** - Marsha
 Our new staff are: Miss Love (Dahl & Wilson Class), Mrs Earl Mrs Brandon and Mrs Green, our new Finance Manager.



Welcome to your new class

Sessions have been arranged to give you the opportunity to meet your child's new teacher, see your child's new classroom and to find out about the year ahead.

Please note the dates and times for :

Ahlberg Class (Yr1) - Thursday 14th September at 2.45pm

Waddell Class (Yr2) - Tuesday 12th September at 9am

Dahl & Wilson Class (Yr 3&4) - Wednesday 13th September at 2.45pm

Morpurgo Class (Yr 5) - Monday 11th September at 2.45pm

Horowitz class (Yr 6) - Tuesday 12th September at 2.45pm

Medication and Asthma Pumps

If your child needs regular medication or uses an asthma pump please ensure that these are brought into school and accompanied by the correct forms. All medication should be clearly labelled with the child's name. Please also check that the medication is in date.

Diary Dates:

Diary dates will be added to the school website over the next week and are available to view at - www.ongar-pri.essex.sch.uk. An outline of forthcoming events can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Clubs

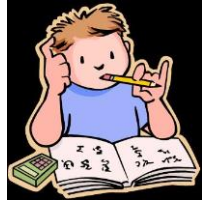
Please see the attached Club timetable. Clubs are offered on a first come first served basis, however we will try to ensure that all children who reply promptly get the club of their choice where possible

Dinner Money:

Please send in dinner money with your child, in an envelope with your child's name and class on it. Each class has a collection tray for your child to place the envelope in so that the money reaches the office. Thank you for helping us to establish this routine with your child and avoid the congestion at the school office. Please remember dinners need to be paid for in advance or on the day they are taken.

Homework

Following discussions with staff and children in the summer term, we are introducing our new style homework. In addition to weekly multiplication, spelling and reading tasks, homework will be set for the half term and include a range of tasks for your child to complete as well as a further challenge. Homework will still need to be returned to the class teacher on a Monday morning. We hope you find this style of homework exciting and engaging and will be asking for your feedback this half term. Details of EYFS homework will be sent to parents via their own class newsletter.



Key Stage 1 and 2 Ninja Maths



We are continuing with our programme to encourage children to learn and practice their times tables. Their level of skill at times tables will determine a child's ranking. The more they practise the more their ranking will improve; with every new rank they will be awarded a new coloured wristband.

The child from year 2 upwards will have taken their first Ninja test this week and will be awarded their wristbands as they progress. Please ask you child how they ranked in today's quiz and encourage them to practise so they can move up the ranks.

House Groups

As I am sure you are aware we have 4 house groups within the school: Giraffe, Monkey, Whales & Wolves that compete in various house events throughout the year. This year we have rearranged the house groups to ensure a balance of ages within each group. We have still ensured that siblings are in the same house group.

School Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform every day. Details of our uniform policy can be found on our website. If you are unsure, please ask before making expensive purchases. Please ensure your child's name is in all clothing, including PE kits.

Website

We will be keeping our website up to date, so please check regularly for further information detailing events on the diary sheet. Also available on the website are details of the current school menu and uniform order forms along with other useful information about the school.

ParentMail

From next week the newsletter will be sent via ParentMail. ParentMail one of our key methods of communication so it is important that you keep us informed of email addresses and contact numbers. If you are unable to access ParentMail please advise the school office.

Diary Dates



Dates	Event	Time
September		
11 th	Welcome to Yr 5 Parent Meeting	2.45 - 3.15pm
11 th	Shelley Resident Meeting	6.30 - 8pm
12 th	Welcome to Yr 2 Parent Meeting	9 - 9.30am
12 th	Welcome to Yr 6 Parent Meeting	2.45 - 3.15pm
13 th	Parent Coffee Morning - come and chat to our new Headteacher	9 - 9.30am
13 th	Welcome to Yr 3 & 4 Parent Meeting	2.45 - 3.15pm
14 th	Welcome to Yr 1 Parent Meeting	2.45 - 3.15pm
15 th	Celebration Assembly - all parent welcome	2.45 - 3.15pm
21 st	EYFS Phonics Meeting - for all EYFS parents - details to follow	2.45 - 3.15pm
22 nd	Yr 2 Library Visit	9 - 11am
22 nd	Celebration Assembly	2.45 - 3.15pm
27 th	MacMillan Coffee Morning - EYFS and KS1 Parents	9 - 9.30am
27 th	MacMillan Coffee Morning - KS2 Parents	2.30 - 3pm
29 th	Yr 3 & 4 visit to Carroty Wood	All day
29 th	Yr 5 Library Visit	9 - 11am
29 th	NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY TODAY	n/a
October - Black History Month		
3 rd	World Habitat Day - details to follow	All day
3 rd	Whole school flu immunisations	1.30 - 3.15pm
4 th	House captain voting day	All day
4 th	Fire and Halloween safety assembly - children only	10.45 - 11.15am
6 th	Yr 6 Library Visit	9 - 11am
6 th	Celebration Assembly	2.45 - 3.15pm
11 th	EYFS Road Safety Walk - details to follow	1.30 - 3pm
12 th	EYFS 2018 intake tour	9.15-10am
13 th	Yr 1 Library Visit	9 - 11am
13 th	Celebration Assembly	2.45 - 3.15pm
16 th	House Competition Day	All Day
17 th	Parent Evening	3.30 - 5.30pm
18 th	Parent Evening	5 - 6.30pm
20 th	EYFS Library Visit	9 - 11am
20 th	Last day of term	
23 th -27 th	HALF TERM	
30 th	Back to school	8.45am
31 st	Individual and Family photographs - children to wear Logo uniform	8 - 11.30am